

# CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

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In view of the new conditions that have to be met by this Company in establishing a continuous train-service on a line of Railway covering fifty three degrees of longitude and soon to cover sixty degrees (or four hours of time), it is necessary for convenience and to avoid confusion, to adopt what is known as the "twenty-four hour system," that is, to substitute the numbers 13 to 24 for the present P. M. hours 1 to 12, so that the hours from midnight to midnight will be numbered from 1 to 24.

A large majority of the Railway Managers of Canada and the United States have formally expressed their opinion in favor of the "twenty-four hour" system, and this opinion is concurred in by the public press and by all the leading scientific men of the continent.

The wisdom of the adoption of the "Standard Time" system which is now used throughout North America is no longer disputed, and it is only a question of a very short time when the "twenty-four hour" system will be as generally followed. It will be an honor to Canada to take the lead in this important reform. The Directors in taking this step hope for the approval of the Public and the hearty co-operation of all the Employees of the Company.

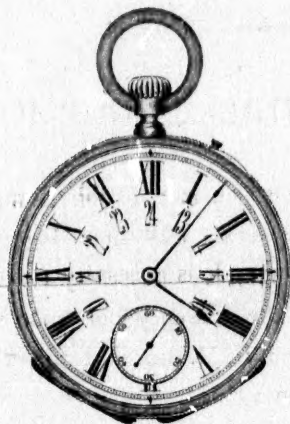
It is intended to make the change first on all the lines of the Company west of Lake Superior, beginning with the next change in time-tables.

Paper dials with the new afternoon numbers will be furnished both for clocks and watches free of charge to the public as well as to employees of the Company. These dials may be easily applied to any watch or clock by following the directions accompanying this circular. Arrangements will be made at the different divisional points for their application to the watches of employees, and those who are unable to have them applied by the persons appointed for the purpose may obtain them from any Agent of the Company. Those requiring dials for clocks should state the diameter of the clock dials inside of the present figures.

W. C. VAN HORNE,

*Vice-President.*

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***Directions for applying extra Dials for the  
"twenty-four hour system."***

If the watch or clock has a second hand dial, a segment should be removed from the extra dial to make room for it as shewn on the diagram above.

For applying the new dial moisten every part of its gummed surface, then carefully place it in position and press it on evenly and firmly so that every portion will adhere. Unless this is done the new dial may scale off or blister and interfere with the hands.

The best time to apply the new dial will be at half-past-five, half-past-six or half-past-seven, when both the hour and minute hands are out of the way.